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WHICH WILL LAST 30 DAYS!

A Confession of Murder!

CHEAP CHARLEY

The Culprit!

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HE STABBED TO THE HEART

The Prices of All

Men's and Boys' Overcoats.

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In fact he has thrust the knife into the prices of every article of his well-assorted stock.

We have made up our mind to have a new stock at the beginning of each and every season, and therefore we are bound to sacrifice the goods now on hand.

NOW COME AND ATTEND THE FUNERAL.

You will represent the LAUGHING HEIRS, while we represent the WEeping MOURNERS.

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## BY TELERGRAPH

### THE LATEST HORROR.

An Anonymous Letter Giving Valuable (If Reliable) Information to the Detectives.

One Man Arrested and Locked Up on Suspicion of Complicity in the Dynamite Explosions.

No News From Stewart—Why the French Were Whipped at Kee Lung.

ENIGMA.

AN ANONYMOUS LETTER.  
LONDON, January 26.—The Scotland Yard officials have received an anonymous letter purporting to give a full account of the conspiracy to blow up the Parliament buildings, the Tower of London, and other public edifices, together with the names of the persons engaged in the plot and a list of the buildings marked for destruction. While a full account of the details of the conspiracy is not given, the letter states that the conspirators have placed under surveillance several of the persons named therein, and that they are now waiting for a favorable opportunity to execute their plan. The letter is signed "A Friend of the Public."

CONSPIRACY TO BE ARRESTED.  
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AN AMERICAN BOATYER HANDLED.  
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CAN NOT LOSE IRELAND.  
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SLIGHT DAMAGE DONE.  
LONDON, January 26.—The Parliament buildings were surrounded by an immense crowd all day yesterday, and were strongly guarded by the police and military. No one was allowed to enter except members of Parliament and peers, and a few privileged persons. The damage done to the structure is slight, and is expected to be repaired within a few days. The debris is being removed, and it is expected that the structure will be repaired within a few days.

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CLAIMS FORWARDED.  
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NOTHING FROM STEWART YET.  
LONDON, January 26.—Nothing has yet been heard of the whereabouts or condition of General Stewart, and the failure to receive tidings of him causes much anxiety.

ADVANCE OF THE FORCES CONTINUED.  
General Earle's column, thoroughly provisioned and equipped, composed of the artillery, cavalry and camel corps, started yesterday from Hama. The march is being made by the way of Abu Hamad against the enemy, which includes the entire fighting force of the Mousa tribe, under the command of Wagdar, who captured the camel corps of General Stewart, and the fighting men of the other tribes, under Mousa, assembled in war order at Hama. This is thirty-three miles from Hama. The march is being made by the way of Abu Hamad against the enemy, which includes the entire fighting force of the Mousa tribe, under the command of Wagdar, who captured the camel corps of General Stewart, and the fighting men of the other tribes, under Mousa, assembled in war order at Hama.

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We converted the amount of goods we wanted to and have

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Our stock looks as it should in January in every department, and yet you don't miss the \$10,000 worth very much except in our Silverware cases.

We will offer some very decided

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During the balance of January.

Our vault was overloaded with Fine Watches, and after we sold during our sacrifice sale 500 Watches, gold and silver, we find that in that department alone we still have more than we want in

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Respectfully,

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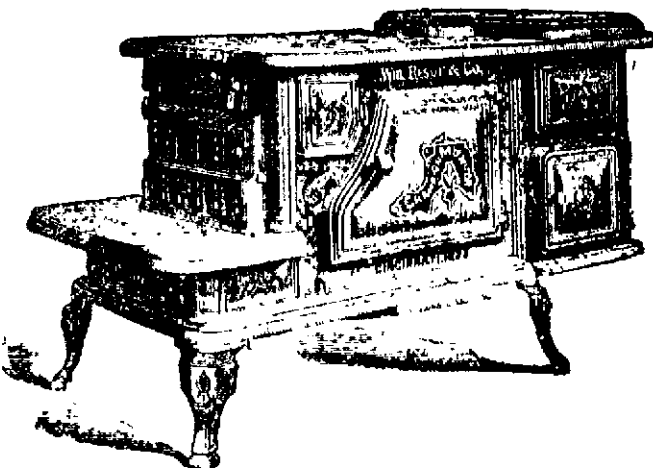
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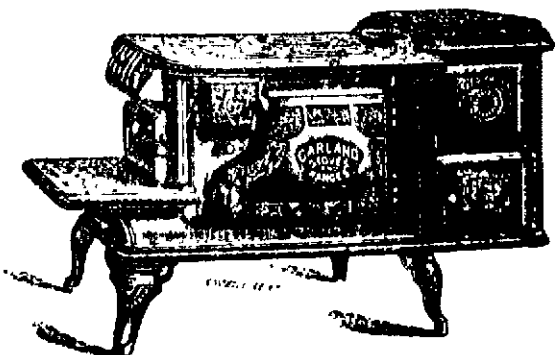
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MONDAY EVE., JAN. 26, 1886.

### LOCAL NEWS.

IMPROVE the looks of your hanging lamp and buy a decorated shade of E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co's.

BURDETTE to-night.  
"Bon" BURDETTE to-night.  
Comic opera Friday night.

THE aldermen will meet again to-night.  
THE Y. M. C. A. gymnasium will not be open this evening—all are going to hear Burdette.

FRANK SIDDALL soap and first-class groceries at Peter Ulrich's, East Main street.

LAURA DAINY next Wednesday night at Sincerity Weeks in "A Mountain Pink."

TELEPHONE Niedermeyer, on the Mound and order family groceries left at your homes.

THE January thaw has been postponed. The mercury was 10 degrees below zero at 6 o'clock this morning. More ice.

THE property owners on the old square have received notice of their assessment. Payment is now due. The figures are given in another column.

In a few days Billy Niedermeyer will probably retire from the grocery business on Merchant street.

THE Sons of Veterans will meet this evening in the A. R. hall. The hour is 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be on time promptly.

THE favorite lecturer, Bob Burdette, will give Advice to young men at the opera house to-night.

THE load of the celebrated Howlett Coal, sold only by Geo. Ehrhart. Telephone 139. Jan 26-dtf

THE Scottish Bards' birthday anniversary will be celebrated to-night at the New Danville Hotel.

CALL for Schroeder's popular Bohemian cigars. They are sold by all leading dealers at a nickel each.

SAMPLES of the hard burnt street paving brick from the kilns of the Decatur Steam Brick factory will soon be ready for inspection.

FUN, lots of fun, for old and young who hear "Bob" Burdette's "Advice to a Young Man" to-night at the opera house. Gallery tickets 35 cents.

THE Cerro Gordo people pine for a large tabernacle, a building that can be used for a town hall and on festival occasions.

TEN degrees below zero at 7 a. m. to-day, and 6 below at 11 a. m. Another cold wave has struck us and the coal dealers continue to grin.

REAL bargains in Haines Bros. pianos, Packard organs and musical instruments generally are now offered by C. B. Prescott. Easy terms.

HOWLETT Coal takes the lead—for sale only by Geo. Ehrhart. Telephone 139. Jan 26-dtf

THE ladies of the W. C. T. U. will vacate their room on South Water street, Feb. 1st, and will locate in rooms over the Cheap store on Merchant street.

SUNDAY morning at five o'clock Mr. J. B. Ballard, the undertaker, left for a point seven miles south of Niantic to conduct the funeral of Mrs. Crawford, who died Saturday night.

Don't fail to call at Crosthwait Bros. stylish restaurant, 114 Water street, when you want a meal for only 25 cents.

HEAR "Bob" Burdette to-night. Gallery tickets only 35 cents.

A stylish and pretty roller skating costume made this season is formed of amaranth red and golden brown India cloth. The skirt has a band of natural beaver around the foot, the waterfall drapery in the back is simply hemmed, and the front of the very long apron train is bordered with the same fur and looped with golden brown satin ribbons at each side. The short Louis XIV. coat of plain golden brown India cloth has a shirred vest of amaranth red serge, and above this is a pelrine of natural beaver, with muff and Rob Roy cap to match.

What is it?  
Parks' Bile Whine Balsam?  
Whines' Park Bile Whine Balsam?  
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No!  
Barks' White Pine Balsam!

HOWLETT Coal, lump and nut, at Geo. Ehrhart's coal and wood yard. Telephone 139. Jan 26-dtf

SMOKE "Harpers' Bazar." I. F. PROCK & Co. Jan 26-dtf

REYNOLDS' sugar cured hams, only 12 1/2 cents per pound, at John Zeller's meat market. Jan 26-dtf

BUSINESS makes a Specialty of making Boots and all kinds of mending on short notice. Jan 19-dtf

THE load of Pans coal—there is no better in the market—sold only by F. D. Caldwell. Jan 23-dtf

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BOOK-KEEPING is now taught at the Central Business College by the month, or quarter. Jan 17-dtf

ROMANTIC Remnants! In lengths of 5 to 12 or 15 yards, in Dress (wool), a variety of colors and qualities, at from 50 per yard upwards. We are willing to take Half Price for any that you may select. CHEAP STORE. Jan 23-dtf

THE new season's goods, none genuine without L. I. Ferris & Co's name stamped in the sole. Don't pay \$4.50 any more at other stores. Truly the millennium has come. Jan 10-dtf

MR. OLIVE Coal makes no oinkers either in stoves or open grates. Mr. Olive Coal is very free from slate and culver. Mr. Olive Coal costs no more than the inferior grades offered in this market. Mr. Olive Coal—either lump or nut—is sold only by R. McCLELLAND. Telephone 21. Dec. 15-dtf

BEST 25 cent dinner in the city at Kears' lunch room, 145 East Prairie St. Oct. 22-dtf

THE Circuit Court. Judge Smith arrived in the city this forenoon from Champaign and at 1:15 convened court. The case of The People vs. Frank Sullivan and James Clark was resumed. State's Attorney Vail making the closing argument. While waiting for tardy members of the jury, who probably had fish for dinner, Clerk McCallahan called the names of citizens summoned to serve the remainder of the term as jurors, so that but little time was lost. The court will continue to hear criminal cases this week.

A. O. BREWSTER, the baker, has decided to go ahead and have constructed one of these patent ovens such as he saw recently in Chicago. It will cost about \$800. The heating apparatus will be so arranged that the oven will be evenly heated for the 24 hours and can be used at any and all times. A Chicago man will build it.

THE Inhabited Baldwin vacant lot at the corner of West Main and College streets has been sold to John A. Swearingen for \$2,000. The lot has a frontage on Main street of 70 feet. Mr. S. may build a fine residence on that corner during the coming spring or summer.

THE Drama. The Kentucky play, "A Mountain Pink," will be presented Wednesday evening by Miss Laura E. Dainty and her company. The piece is new on the stage in Decatur. It has met with marked success in Chicago and other cities. Arrangements to attend. Popular prices.

A CITIZEN states that he is in favor of paying one route and as many others as possible to the depot, but when it comes to paying up he insists that he will be one who will not fork over a dollar until the work is done. As soon as the street in front of his lot is paved, then he will pay, but not a day sooner.

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DANIEL WEIGER, a venerable resident of Hickory Point township, died on Sunday morning, Jan. 25th. He was past 80 years of age. The deceased was a native of Pennsylvania. He leaves many descendants in this county. The funeral took place this (Monday) forenoon at Boling Springs church.

THE funeral of the late William Balleit, the young man who was frozen to death on Thursday morning last, took place from the Christian church at Niantic Saturday afternoon, Rev. H. A. Barton, of Illinois, officiating. It was very largely attended.

A GENUINE London physician has said that rheumatism and Neuralgia are not clearly defined diseases, but rather results of diseases—physical conditions consequent on disturbances in the system. On the theory that rheumatism was the distinction of a specific. When your muscles stiffen and your joints swell you think the rheumatism is there. It is no more there than the engine in the collar is on the fifth story where it turns the loom or printing press. It is in the blood, which, surcharged with poisonous acids, deposits them at points where the circulation is impeded. Purify the blood of these poisons. This is the mission of ANTHEROSINS. This is its secret of successful cure.

EMBROIDERIES. To close out, we offer an elegant line of embroideries, carried over from last season, in odds and ends—in quantities of 5 to 10 yards—at one-half price. Before involving us meant to force sale, and we will be liberal with you—as we always are—and remnants will not be measured very carefully. CHEAP STORE. Big 18. 26-daw1w

QUETMAN & MEYER, the Live Furniture Dealers in Haworth Block, north side of City Park, have leased the room adjoining them, lately occupied by Miss Watson, and have connected the two rooms by an archway, making the handsome and most commodious furniture room in the city. They are both practical furniture men, well posted on styles and quality in their line of goods, and buying strictly for cash, are enabled to offer their stock at very low prices. Call and see their handsome rooms and note their greatly reduced prices, and you can not fail in finding bargains. 22-35

NOTICE. Parties wishing to haul their own Coal can get it at my yard, next to Shalabarger's mill, as cheap as at any yard in town. Telephone 10. Geo. W. EHRHART. Dec 23-dtf

YOU can always find the Latest Styles and best Boots and Shoes at Busher's. Jan 19-dtf

### THE OLD SQUARE IMPROVEMENT.

Report of the Commissioners on the Special Assessment.

Messrs. W. F. Busher, Isaac W. Ehrman and W. T. Wells, appointed by the county court to make the special assessment of benefits growing out of the paving with brick of the old square, have completed their work. They make a report as follows. Property owners will be required to pay the sums placed opposite their names:

Andrew Rothman, 23 1/2 feet, \$141.00	23 1/2 feet, 141.00
Joseph Suter, 9 feet, 250.00	250.00
Helen of J. E. Roberts, 30 feet, 490.00	490.00
Sarah C. Clokey, 19 1/2 feet, 117.00	117.00
Elizabeth J. Matheny, 19 1/2 feet, 117.00	117.00
John Ulrich, 20 1/2 feet, 123.00	123.00
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D. Stine, 25 feet, 139.00	139.00
John W. Priest, 7 1/2 feet, 456.00	456.00
J. F. Montgomery, 20 feet, 129.00	129.00
Helps of Jacob White and G. A. Carter, 30 feet, 130.00	130.00
Catherine Drobni, 18 feet, 108.00	108.00
Arminia J. Kridger, 22 feet, 182.00	182.00
Charles Lantz, 7 1/2 feet, 456.00	456.00
John A. Carter, 20 1/2 feet, 123.00	123.00
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J. G. Starr & Son, 20 1/2 feet, 123.00	123.00
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Total amount private benefits, \$3,432.00	
Total amount public benefits, \$2,509.00	
Citizens' Street Car Co, 55,822.55	
Total cost, \$62,763.55	

The Citizens' company was not assessed for the reason that a section of the ordinance granting the company privilege provides that they shall pave their right of way. There is some question as to what constitutes the right of way. The width is not stated in the first ordinance (on the old square and to the depot) but in the West Main street ordinance it is fixed at 8 feet. The \$787.50 charged against the street car company is on the basis of a 7-foot right of way on the square.

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### The Democrat Won.

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Death of an Infant. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hunsley died at the family residence on East Prairie street at 11:30 o'clock Sunday, Jan. 25th. The age of the child was 6 months and 19 days, and it had been ill with lung fever for several weeks.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 27, Rev. W. H. Moore, officiating. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

Letter from Willis Pope. The following letter from Lincolnville, Kansas, under date of Jan. 21st, is from a former resident of Blue Mound township, this county:

Blue Mound, Kansas. Enclosed find \$3.00 for REPUBLICAN. We cannot do very well without it. We have had about two months of very cold weather. The winter has been very hard on stock. The thermometer was down 22 degrees below zero. New Year's day in sunny Kansas. Hogs are worth 4 cents. Fat cattle are worth from 4 1/2 to 5 cents. There are a great many more fattened here. I have about 30 head of Short-horns and have one fine Rose of Sharon cow worth \$250. I bought a young one from Albert Crane. He is a Jubilee. I raised 15 acres of wheat and it was very good, but have not threshed it yet. Wheat is worth from 45 to 50 cents; has been as low as 20 cents per bushel. Some have been feeding their cattle with wheat in the bundle. Corn made about 20 bushels per acre; price 20 cents.

Tell W. T. Moffett to give Editor Smith another dig. Moffett's reminder me of old times. I suppose we have to stand a Democratic administration. There are not enough Democrats in Kansas that can read to help the postoffice. They will have to appoint all of their clerks. Republicans. We beat the Democrats 40,000 majority, and did not wait 17. We neither elected Oliver nor St. John. I was very glad to hear that Carter Harrison did not beat Uncle Dick. I will close for this time, and remain yours, respectfully, WILLIS POPE.

Revival Meetings. Rev. Coultas announced on Sunday that the contemplated revival services will commence at the First Methodist church this evening. Evangelist Potter, of Chicago, will reach Decatur Saturday next, and will conduct the meeting for several weeks after that day.

The protracted meeting at the Christian church will be continued through the present week. Rev. Dr. Blackwell arrived in the city from St. Louis to-day and will assist Rev. Pinkerton in the work.

Dr. Perren and Dr. Voshburgh will continue the special meetings at the Baptist church this week.

The Wilbur Opera Company. This superb musical organization will appear Friday night and present for the first time in Decatur Leacock's sparkling opera bouffe, "Girofle-Girofla," in three acts. An exchange says the bulk of the plot consists of the various expedients by which Girofle was made to fill the place of her absent twin sister, Girofla, and to answer to two husbands during the festivities of the bridal night. Miss Susie Kerwin assumes this double role in a charming manner. There is a fascination about her that takes the audience captive on her first appearance. She performs her part with the utmost abandon and vivacity, and in her is found the rare combination of a good voice, clever acting and graceful dancing. The way she manages the train of her dress in the duet with Bolero and in the dancing is somewhat wonderful. The completeness of Miss Kerwin's conquest of the audience is fully tested by the scene immediately preceding the drinking song, where she occupies the stage alone for some ten minutes, and fills the time with interpolations of her own pretty little songs about apple pie, which she sings with a rare grace, and remarks such as that she never goes back on the boys. Following this the drinking song, "See How It Sparkles," was much enjoyed and received a loud encore. The other musical features of the evening were the Pirates' chorus, the sextet at the close of the first act, the trio in the second act, the finale of the third act and the waltz song. The choruses are very strong.

Manager Haines has been successful in reducing the reserved seat prices to the lowest 75 cents, and tickets may now be had at Curtis & Co's. General admission, 50 and 35 cents.

Go to Curtis' for reserved seat for Burdette to-night. Only 50 cents.

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